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SUBJECT: US-SOMALI RELATIONS

- 1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT BRITISH OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY PLANS SEND FOURMAN TECHNICAL-LEVEL ECONOMIC MISSION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF BRITISH HICOM NAIROBI TO MOGADISCIO, TWO TO ARRIVE MAY 24 AND TWO MAY 26, REMAINING UNTIL JUNE 2. BRITISH ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF DATES FROM SOMALI GOVERNMENT (GSDR).
- 2. ON MAY 3, IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID BY SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU, SECRETARY VANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROMISED TO SEND AN AID ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM TO MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATELY. TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MAY 24 FOR ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS. QUESTION OBVIOUSLY ARISES AS TO WHETHER IT DESIRABLE HAVE BRITISH AND US TEAMS IN MOGADISCIO AT SAME TIME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN LONDON AND OF AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN IN CONSULTATION WITH HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE (AND WITH GSDR

AUTHORITIES IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE).

3. IF IT APPEARS UNDESIRABLE, WE WONDER IF BRITISH WOULD CONSIDER POSTPONING THEIR TEAM'S ARRIVAL UNTIL US TEAM HAS COMPLETED ITS SURVEY, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY COULD STOP IN NAIROBI TO BRIEF BRITISH (AND REDSO), OR AT LEAST FOR ONE WEEK. GIVEN SECRETARY'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT, WE ARE DISINCLINED TO POSTPONE US TEAM'S ARRIVAL. CHRISTOPHER

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